

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2017 at 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all Board Members present. Also present were Town Clerk Kelly Harmer, Highway Superintendent Randy Durham, CEO Rick Whitford, Vicky Cappellino, Richard Clement, Rachel Hunter, John Hunter, Al Redmond, Lisa Durham and Wanda Fayette.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7 PM then proceeded with the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the January 3, 2017 meeting minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham reported that he had just received 1,000 yards of sand. The guys have been painting the garage in their spare time. Mr. Durham told the Board that he had received a quote for \$32,000, from WD Bach for the replacement of the fuel tanks, new pumps and a key fob system.

Councilperson Fayette asked Mr. Durham how much are we off when he compares actual gallons of fuel to what is actually being delivered. Mr. Durham stated that it is sometimes over 30-40 gallons and sometimes under 30-40 gallons. The Board thought it wasn't that big of an issue so they decided to do nothing about it at this time. Mr. Durham stated that the new truck is at Viking because they are getting it ready for delivery. Mr. Durham also reported that he got a letter from the State stating that the sluice pipes on River Drive have been yellow flagged. He stated that the State accepted the California Road to study it to determine if a speed reduction is necessary. Mr. Durham stated that the stuff that he had been using to fill in the potholes is not staying in the holes, however the cold patch that he received from Allied seems to be working better. He stated that it is more expensive but better quality. Mr. Durham was going to check with Allied to see if

he could get a better price if he buys a bigger quantity. Mr. Durham gave the board estimates to replace the door mechanisms out in the town barn. The estimate was \$11,556 for all 6 doors from Kelly Sales Corporation. Mr. Durham will get a price to do the weatherization and the trim work. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to go ahead with the work that needed to be done on the doors. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Durham gave us a proposed plan for road work for 2017. He would like to do 1.8 miles on the Island Branch Road, 2.2 miles on the Hull Road, .3 miles on River Drive, 1.10 miles on Main Street- Hailesboro Road, .9 miles on the Jones Road, and .5 miles on the Bay Road for a total of 6.8 miles. The roads will be 18 feet wide with 2 foot shoulders. Mr. Durham stated that the shoulders on the California Road, which were of gravel mulch, were holding up well. He stated that he would wait till the end of winter to make a decision about using gravel mulch for future shoulders.

Councilperson Newvine stated that he had spoken with a representative from Gouverneur School Bus Garage about the roads not getting plowed early enough in the morning. Councilperson Bishop suggested that maybe they should have two shifts for better coverage. Councilperson Newvine suggested that Mr. Durham get together with Kelley from the Bus Garage. Councilperson Fayette stated that people should be calling Mr. Durham directly when they have issues with the roads.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to adopt a Fund Balance Policy. The Town will maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance in its General Fund ranging from \$450,000 to \$550,000. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she had been busy collecting taxes and that she had collected 65.18% of the tax warrant. She licensed 53 dogs, issued 6 death certificates, sold \$125 in hunting and fishing licenses and had done a genealogical service.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that she had a gentleman come in last week looking for some information on Dodgeville. She stated that he is gathering information about Dodgeville for his website that he is launching.

Councilperson Simmons reported for the Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer. She reported that there were 2 dogs in Hailesboro that were deemed dangerous.

Councilperson Newvine presented everyone with a picture and information on the playground that we will be getting with the \$50,000 grant we received. He stated that the cost is going to be \$48,742. He stated that Town Clerk Kelly Harmer sent in the paperwork last week.

Councilperson Newvine stated that there will be a meeting for the Fowler Family Day on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6 PM at the Town Hall.

Councilperson Fayette asked Councilperson Newvine if he was still thinking about doing concrete work at the beach. Councilperson Newvine stated that he was still thinking about it and that he would like to talk to BOCES about the possibility of replacing the Change Room building. Councilperson Newvine will look in to both matters further. He also stated that there was a boat parked in the parking lot at the beach that needs to be moved. Mr. Newvine stated he will send a letter to the owner.

Supervisor Cappellino mentioned that he had seen an ad in the paper looking for applicants to apply at Titan Mining Corp (St. Lawrence Zinc).

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to pass Resolution # 4 of 2017 which is the Holding Harmless Resolution with St. Lawrence County. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to close the Executive Session. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #16- #54, with a total of \$39,581.80.

The board audited Town Clerk Kelly Harmer's books and Bookkeeper Barb Finnie's books.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 7, 2017.

It was the consensus of the Board to change the April meeting to April 11, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to end the meeting at 9:00 pm. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk